Allocation of Central assistance to States for Development of Irrigation Activities

1771. SHRI SHIVPRASAD CHANPURIA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the criteria of allocation of special Central assistance to States for the development of irrigation activities in tribal sub-plan areas;

(b) what amount of Central assistance has been provided under this head for Madhya Pradesh for the last year of Seventh Five Year Plan and for the Eighth Five Year Plan period;

(c) whether any time schedule has been fixed for release to the amount of this assistance; and

(d) if so, what are the details of time schedule so fixed?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI V. C. SHUKLA): (a) There is no specific allocation of Special Central Assistance to the States for the development of irrigation activities in Tribal Sub-Plan areas.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Narmada Sagar Project

1772. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government propose to drop the Narmada Sagar Project in Madhya Pradesh and concentrate on the Sardar Sarovar Project;

(b) if so, whether the Sardar Sarovar Project is lagging behind schedule for its completion;

(c) whether the Union Government propose to discuss the issue with the concerned State Governments to effectively implement the Sardar Sarovar Project; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI V. C. SHUKLA): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) The implementation of the Sardar Sarovar Project including the Rehabilitation and Resettlement aspects and Environmental safeguard measures are discussed and reviewed periodically in the meetings of the Sardar Sarovar Construction Advisory Committee & Narmada Control Authority in which the State Governments of Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Rajasthan are represented.

Inter-Basin Water Transfer Links

1773. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the field surveys and investigations taken up by the National Water Development Agency in respect of the three inter-basin water transfer links

(i) Ken-Betra link

(ii) Pamba-Achankal Vaigai link, and

(iii) Par-Tapi link, have been completed, if so, what are the conclusions arrived at by these surveys and investigations;

(b) what are the Seven links in Penisular Rivers Development for which feasibility reports have been prepared and circulated among the concerned States; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to link the rivers where there are feasibilities?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI V. C. SHUKLA): (a) Yes, Sir. The field surveys and investigation work taken up during 1991-92 is programmed for completion in 1993-94.